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/146/ The women eat and converse much less formally. They sit around a bowl in a small group and talk all at the same time about topics which they would also discuss at an ordinary meeting. Their manners seem less forced.

Forms of Social Intercourse Between the Sexes

The forms of social intercourse between men and women are tied to many restrictions. These can best be summarized by saying that every contact between them is prohibited. Contact not only refers to physical touching, but even to a word exchanged between them. Being together in the same room or even an accidental encounter without the presence of a third person may be interpreted as contact. The intention of the individuals concerned is irrelevant in such instances. Society merely looks at the outward situation; if it implies contact, people act as though a forbidden contact actually existed.

These strict rules do not apply to children and older people (1), but they apply most strictly to unmarried girls

1. To be specific: individuals of under ten to twelve years and above thirty-five to forty years of age.

and young men. The strength of these rules decreases only a great number of years after marriage has been contracted. Only then can individuals afford to gradually break existing rules without exposing themselves to the sanction imposed by such a transgression.

This sanction consists of a stab with the badik /a small dagger/, which frequently results in death.

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Regulations the holding of cockfights is prohibited on penalty of a fine of 16-25 guilders, with the alternative of 7-12 days compulsory labor. This does not alter the fact, however, that cockfights are clandestinely held everywhere and on many occasions. Naturally, this prohibition does not apply to those areas where the sovereigns have self-government, such as in the states of southern Celebes.

j. Quail Fights

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The quail is called gĕmak or puju; quail fights are known as ngadu gĕmak. Only females are used for quail fights, because they are more beautiful, stronger, and more courageous than the males. The fights take place in a cage, pĕngadon, literally, "fighting place," which is five decimeters high and 7.5 decimeters long, with very thin bars. Both quails are put in the pĕngadon at the same time and immediately begin to fight furiously, both birds trying to hit or stab each other, especially around the eyes and ears. The fight lasts until one falls back. Here, too, betting is primary (1).

1. Tijdschr. v. Ned. Ind., 1873, Vol. I, pp. 92 ff.

k. Cricket Fights

At cricket fights, ngadu-djangkrik only the males do the fighting. They are first tamed by letting them hang horizontally by means of a thread tied around their bodies for 24 hours and after that by holding them under water to make them unconscious. In this condition they are put in a small bamboo tube where they soon come to. The fights take place in a little basket, also called pĕngadon, which is divided into two parts by a sliding